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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Ludwigslust

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1. Between 22 and 29 November 1951, the Alte Reiter Kaserne on Marstallstrasse, Ludwigslust (J 54/T 53), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sixty pontoons, 4 x 122-mm artillery pieces and 8 x 120-mm mortars were seen standing in the barracks yard on the days concerned. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in close-order drill without arms and physical exercises on 29 November. 25X1B

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2. From 22 to 29 November, the Neue Reiter Kaserne on Grabower Allee was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four 122-mm artillery pieces and four 120-mm mortars were in the barracks yard. Trucks each towing a 122-mm gun, were seen leaving the installation on 22 November. 25X1B

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3. On 30 November, the installation at Techentin airfield on the Ludwigslust-Berlin railroad line was occupied by 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets mostly with tank insignia. A total of 28 T-34/85 tanks and 14 SU-100 SP gun were seen in the garages, all their doors were open. Some troops were seen servicing tanks, and about 80 men with red-bordered black epaulets received theoretical training. 25X1

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\* Comment. The report confirms the collective billeting area of the Alte and Neue Reiter Kaserne as quartering the 348th Wngr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div which was previously reported to have been transferred to Ludwigslust from Perleberg. In addition, the installation is believed to quarter the 1051st How Arty Regt of the 18th Mecz Div which was carried in Techentin prior to the 1951 summer maneuvers. The 120-mm mortars mentioned in the present report indicate that the unidentified mortar regiment of the division may also be stationed there. 25X1

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25X1A: [ ] Comment. The identity of the units at Techentin airfield has not been determined. The 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div, among other units, had been carried there prior to the 1951 summer exercises, but another source reported at the end of August 1951, that the 59th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div was allegedly transferred from the airfield to the Reiter Kaserne. [ ] However, the 59th Mecz Regt may still be located at the airfield, with some of its infantry components possibly being assigned to border guard duty and with its tank components, among other units, having remained at the airfield. The SP guns mentioned in the present report may have actually been T-34 tanks. However, the report may also refer to components of the unidentified medium tank regiment of the 18th Mecz Div which was last confirmed in Parchim [ ] in a report of October 1951 by another source, but has not been observed by regular sources in Parchim since the completion of the maneuver period. [ ] In this case, the 59th Mecz Regt was possibly, and the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt definitely transferred to another post. [ ]

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